

Southern MARYLAND ROOTS

Dear Friends:

The Southern Maryland Roots High School Youth Group, comprised of youth from Our Lady of the Wayside, Chaptico, MD; Holy Angels Church, Avenue, MD and Sacred Heart Church, Bushwood, MD are hosting a High School Youth Pilgrimage, September 19, 2020 on St. Clements Island in the Potomac River, Colton's Point, MD. We would not be able to have such a special program without the 7th District Optimist Club, the St. Clement's Hundred, Department of Natural Resources and the St. Clements' Island Museum — all part of the history and culture of the island. The goal of this High School Youth Pilgrimage is to provide a gathering to share in a spiritual journey to historic St. Clements Island, the foundation of Catholicism in the British American colonies, for Maryland and D.C. high school youth offering an unprecedented opportunity to encounter Christ while becoming deeply rooted and enriched in Faith, Love, Friendship and Heritage.

The Theme: "The Journey ...Why did they come?" 385 years ago, on March 25, 1634, known today as Maryland Day, English colonists landed on this very island in search of religious freedom and tolerance. In thanksgiving, Jesuit priest Father Andrew White, erected a cross and said the first Catholic Mass in the English speaking New World! What an incredible opportunity for our youth to journey together to this same island kindling their hearts to be part of something much bigger than themselves!

We need your help in order to accomplish this mission! We are asking for donations, sponsorships, and in-kind contributions to make this event happen. Our hope is to have several hundred high school youth attend and experience this event made possible by your generosity. An event like this could never be possible without the love and support from our communities. Anything you wish to give will make a difference in a significant way! We are confident that many will join in these efforts to enrich our youth, preserve our history, and come together in unity to make a difference.

Through the groups' "Art of Giving" outreach, it is our hope that this experience will provide not only a spiritual journey but also expose new pilgrims to our heritage and community through new founded awareness of the Island and Cross and all else surrounding it. What an honor it will be to come together to offer such an experience to share in the Island's and surrounding areas collective history and culture.

May God bless you for your support of our Youth, our Community and our History. Thank you so much for your time.

With sincere thanks and Blessings —



Father Michal Sajnog
Pastor



Father Samuel Plummer
Pastor



Theresa Fries
Youth Minister

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SOUTHERN MD ROOTS YOUTH PILGRIMAGE SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

"The Journey... Why did they come?"

DONATION LEVELS AND SPONSORSHIPS

Please consider one of the following levels of giving if you are able.

_____ LOVE - \$1000 and above

Benefits: 4 commemorative T-Shirts; Name on T-Shirt, recognition in the printed program, Banner at Event, acknowledgment on Facebook page

_____ FAITH - \$500 - \$999

Benefits: 2 commemorative T-Shirts; Name on T-Shirt, recognition in the printed program, acknowledgment on Facebook page

_____ FRIENDSHIP - \$200 - \$499

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Benefits: 2 commemorative T-Shirts; recognition in the printed program

_____ ROOTS PATRON - \$99 and Below

Benefits: Recognition in the printed program

ANY AND ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Make checks payable to "Our Lady of the Wayside", (a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization). Please note on check "The Pilgrimage"
For more information, contact theresa@olwrcc.org

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